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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Applicants: Hendrik Johannes G. Pretorius, et al. Docket No. MBC-0416  
Serial No. 10/068,124 Examiner: Not Assigned  
Filed: 2/5/2002 Group Art Unit: 1774  
For: Polymeric Structural Support Membrane

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Copy of Specification as Filed (28 pages)

Statement by Attorney that Papers Attached to Declaration are a Copy of Those Filed in PTO  
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**COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS**

- I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Formalities Letter) mailed February 28, 2002.



A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts Application-Filing Date Granted (Formalities Letter) is enclosed.

**DECLARATION OR OATH**

- II. (a) ☒ No executed declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original executed declaration or oath for this application.

**OR**

- (b) ☐ The declaration or oath which was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

Attached is a

- (c) ☐ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☒ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.

#### AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS

- III. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive.

#### TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

- IV. ☐ Submitted herewith is a verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

#### SMALL ENTITY STATUS

- V. Applicant is
- [ ] a small entity  
verified statement:
- [ ] enclosed
- [ ] already filed in application
- [ X] other than a small entity

#### COMPLETION FEES

- VI.
1. Filing Fee
- ☐ original patent application (37 CFR 1.16(a)- \$790; Small entity - \$395) \$ 0.00
- ☐ Design application (37 CFR 1.16(f) \$330; small entity - \$165) \$ 0.00

2. Fees for claims

- ☐ each independent claim in excess of 3  
(38 CFR 1.16(b)-\$82; small entity -\$41) \$ 0.00
- ☐ each claim in excess of 20 (37 CFR 1.16(c)-\$22;  
small entity-\$11) \$ 0.00
- ☐ multiple dependent claim(s) (37 CFR 1.16(d) - \$270;  
small entity- \$135) \$ 0.00

3. Surcharge Fees

- ☐ late payment of filing fee  
and/or
- ☒ late filing of original declaration or oath (37 CFR 1.16(e) - \$130;  
small entity - \$65); \$ 130

4. ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person not the  
inventor (37 CFR 1.17(h) and 1.47 - \$130) \$ 0.00

5. ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-  
English language (37 CFR 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)-\$130) \$ 0.00

6. ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application (37 CFR 1.21(l) and  
1.53(d)-\$300) \$ 0.00

Total completion fees \$ 130

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

VII.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out  
in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension months</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>For small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 380.00	\$ 190.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 870.00	\$ 435.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 680.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 925.00
Extension Fee		\$ <u>0.00</u>

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

Based on the extension requested in this petition, the extended period for response will expire on \_\_\_\_\_.

or

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

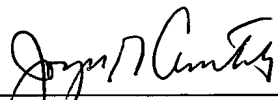
6. Fee Payment

Attached is a check in the amount of \$130

7. Fee deficiency

☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 18-0987. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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